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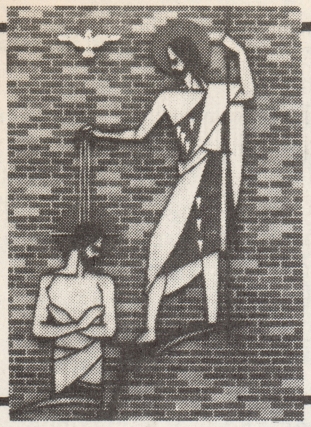
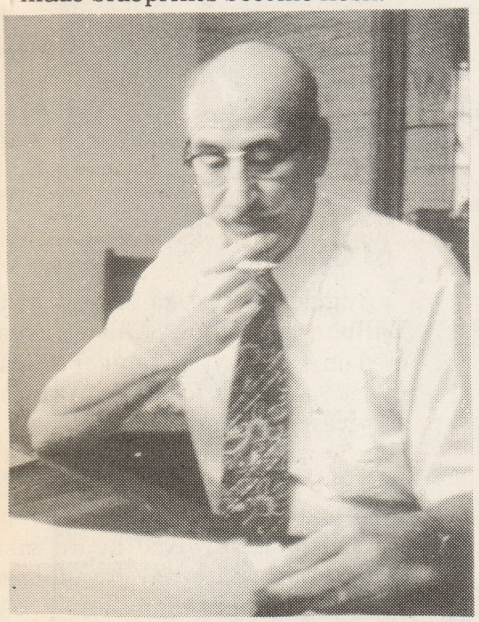


Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

Hall Renovation Update

December 1st was D-Day for payment of pledges for the 1975 phase of our Hall Renovation Drive. We have accomplished a great deal in these past two years and from the comments I hear, we are happy with the major face-lift that has occurred in the hall area. And that is a compliment to all of you who have faithfully responded to the Renovation Drives, to the Administration Commission which has overseen the work, and to the workmen and artisans who have made blueprints become flesh.



Mr. Ed Look

Last week, Mr. Ed Look, a member of the Administration Commission and volunteer offering envelope poster, brought tallies up to date. As of December 1st, $4,400.00 remains outstanding in unpaid pledges. Since the second phase of the Renovation Drive began last February, $29,529.73 has been collected to date in the form of paid pledges, donations and memorial contributions. As you also may recall, an additional $10,518.46 was received during this time from the Estate of the late Alfred E. Walters. In total, $40,048.19 was was deposited in the Renovation Account during 1975. With the work in the main hall area now complete except for the floor, a balance of $9,070.29 remains in the Renovation Fund. Work will soon begin on the final phase of this project which is the construction and finishing of a new kitchen and storage area. In the next few weeks, we hope to install new plumbing and sewage in the floor of the kitchen area in preparation for the kitchen construction next Spring when additional funds will hopefully become available.

Santa Claus Came Early

Mr. Bob Gillman

Perhaps it was the snow — or perhaps it was the smoke rising from the kitchen stove with Fr. Jerry yelling for help that prompted a much appreciated gift. In any case, the bachelor cooks of the rectory are indebted to the members of the Gillman family for their donation of a gas grill to the rectory patio. Not only was the family kind enough to deposit the boxed grill in our house, but Bob Gillman also returned to assemble and connect the grill as pictured above. Sincere thanks.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th -
HOLYDAY MASSES
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.
4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

No coffee & donuts this Sunday Due to Family Religious Ed. being held in the hall.

Service Projects For Children of the Parish

Who: Any St. John's Parishioner
Any student, grade 1-6
When: December 13, 1975
10:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Where: The Religious Center
What: Bring Christ to others through service projects this Christmas
Grade 1 - paper chains and macaroni wreaths for Parkview
Grade 2 - Christmas cards for shut-ins at Parkview
Grade 3 - favors for patients at Beyer
Grade 4 - pomanders for shut-ins (please bring a baggie of cloves)
Grade 5 & 6 - Christmas carols for people at Parkview
Why: To **do** what we **say** we believe as Christians.

To share community and the Christmas Spirit with one another.

N.B. Grades 5 & 6 will go caroling at Parkview December 20, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. They will have cocoa at the convent from 3:00 - 4:00.

The Service Commission invites those parishioners who signed the survey and any parishioners who have some time, to help with the sorting and packing of clothes brought in for the Thanksgiving Drive. Time: 10:00 a.m., Sat., Dec. 13th. Place: School Building.

Ushers' Meeting

There will be a meeting for all ushers this Tuesday evening at 8:00 in the meeting room in the basement of the rectory. It is very seldom that we get this group together, and so we would hope that everyone will make a real effort to attend. There are a few minor problem areas that we would like to iron out; and also just to use this as an opportunity to build a cohesiveness within the group. This meeting is for all ushers, this **Tuesday evening, December 9,** at **8:00 p.m.** in the rectory basement.

Worship Commission Christmas Party

This Friday evening, there will be a Christmas Party for all parishioners who are involved in our parish liturgies in any way; this includes: lectors, commentators, lay distributors, ushers, sacristans, choir members, musicians, members of both folk groups, and those who plan our liturgies. This party is for adults only — husbands and wives; and will begin at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00. All those involved should have received letters concerning this party during the past week; please remember to bring a passing dish to serve 6-10 people. (Dishes should include meat casseroles, vegetables, salads, relishes, breads and desserts — of your choice.) We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this party, it will be a good opportunity for all of us to celebrate this holiday season together.

Fr. Jerry

Tickets for the New Year's Dance are on sale at the rectory or through Bill Lorenz.

Plan to purchase yours soon at $10.00 per person. It's a deal you can't afford to resist!

High School Juniors and Seniors

An opportunity to explore your own uniqueness, and to find richness in those around you, to know God's touch in your life.

Decide is an action weekend with discussions, music, films, talk and thought, prayer, liturgy, laughing, dancing, singing.

Begins Friday evening at 10:00
Ends Sunday p.m. at 2:00
Dec. 12-14, 1975
in Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Fee: $20.00

If you are interested in registering call Mike Whalen at 761-7656 or Sr. Anne at 483-6378.

A DIET OF WILD HONEY AND LOCUSTS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYBODY CRY IN THE WILDERNESS!

SECOND ADVENT: DECEMBER 7, 1975

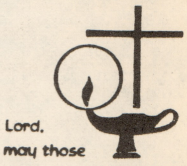
John also wore a camel's hair coat and a leather belt (which doesn't sound too bad). He also shouted, "Get ready! God is preparing his big surprise!"

Scripture Readings

Readings for December 7
First Reading:
Is. 40:1-5, 9-11
Second Reading:
2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel:
Mt. 1:1-8

Readings for December 8
First Reading:
Gen. 3:9-15, 20
Second Reading:
Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel:
Lk. 1:26-38

Readings for December 14
First Reading:
Is. 61:1-2, 10-11
Second Reading:
1 Thess. 5:16-24
Gospel:
Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28



Lord, may those whom You have called home rest in the radiance of heaven's light +

In the Peace of Christ

Augustine Brooks, infant son of William and Diane (Lewis) Brooks, died on Tuesday, November 25, 1975 in St. Joseph Hospital. Graveside services were celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Wednesday, November 26, 1975 in St. John's Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, Augustine is survived by his sister, Anna Marie, paternal grandparents and maternal grandmother.

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The Family of Mrs. Barbara Swope greatly appreciates the prayers and concern of St. John's parishioners during her illness.

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In Memoriam

Karl Brushaber, Jr. ..... Dec. 23
Harold Handley ..... Dec. 30
Laura Wilchak ..... Dec. 31

Welcome Newcomers

The following parishioners registered at St. John's during the past month:

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Pace, 329 N. Mansfield (484-0635)

Mr. Thomas Vallato, 1385 W. Michigan Ave. (482-8859)

Mr. & Mrs. Facundo Saenz DeViteri, 1926 Washtenaw

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cramer of 148 Fairhills Dr. (434-0825)

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Houle of 4802 Washtenaw No. C-7 (434-2756)

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Schneider of 2352 Twin Lakes Apt. 2A

Mrs. Diane Magnuson, 1325 Elmwood Ct. No. 10

Mr. & Mrs. John Korte of 819 Redwood (483-6234)

Mr. David Dzala of 757 Savage Rd., Belleville (699-9531)

Mr. Richard Kramer of 3175 Baylis, Ann Arbor (973-9851)

Mrs. Angela Adkins of 2928 Washtenaw No. 1B

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Anderson of 772 Elmhurst (434-0864)

Mrs. Patti blystone of 5896 W. Michigan Ave. (434-3585)

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Stoker of 1335 Kensington, Ann Arbor (662-3983)

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fahy of 11570 Beckley, Belleville (699-5013)

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Davis of 76 Hillcrest (434-3347)

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carr of 3121 Scenic Lake Dr., Bldg. 11 No. 3, Ann Arbor (971-4043)

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Whalen of 10195 Diane Dr. No. AA-303, Romulus (941-7234)

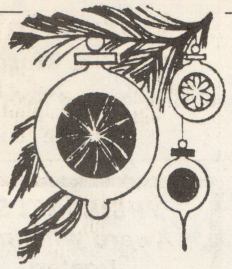
Miss Karen Hudak of 116 Perrin Apt. 3 (482-1183)

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hurst, Sr. of 2798 Washtenaw No. C-2, Ann Arbor (434-2452)

Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Watson of 701 Pearl No. 1 (481-0059)

Single Catholic Adults

SCA singles will be going to the "Holly Ball" on Sat., Dec. 13th at St. Thomas' in Ann Arbor. There will be dancing, food, beer, wine and set-ups. Join us at 9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas. Now is the time to plan to attend our New Year's Eve party. For information call Sue at 482-1942.



Church Christmas Decoration Sunday, December 21

Work begins at 2:30 p.m.
Potluck at 6:00 p.m.

More details will be given in next week's bulletin.

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We do hope that many families will be helping in this annual endeavor.

Parish Council Agenda

December 8, 1975
8:00 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of November 10, 1975 Council Minutes
3. Commission Reports
   A. Administration - Dave Wheeler
   B. Board of Education - Roger Washburn
      1. Determined tenure of office for Board of Education Officers
      2. Family Mass on Christmas Eve (7:00 p.m.)
   C. Service - Natalie Bowyer
      1. Minutes from last meeting
      2. Financial Report
      3. New Year's Eve Dance
      4. "Life-Span" by Mrs. Jane Greiner
   D. Worship - John Thomas
      1. Christmas Party, December 12, 1975
      2. Pictorial Worship Commission Essay
4. Old Business
   A. Sponsorship report on Vietnamese family
5. New Business
   A. Gift consideration for Bishop Povish
   B. Council Participation in Bicentennial Plans
6. Announcements
   A. Christmas Decorating Plans
   B. January's General Meeting - Dinner Meeting
7. Adjournment

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 8 - Immaculate Conception
- 7:00 a.m. - Intention of Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. John Barton req. by Mary Barton
- 2:30 p.m. - NO MASS AT PARKVIEW
- 4:00 p.m. - Marie Claeys, req. by the Don Montie Family
- 6:00 p.m. - Lealand McCarbery, req. by Bernadette Fogg
- 8:00 p.m. - Intention of Elsie Paffel, req. by Dan Paffel

TUESDAY, December 9 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. - Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Hay
- 5:15 p.m. - Eleonore Goring, req. by Juanita Blystone

WEDNESDAY, December 10 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. - Joseph Mleczko, req. by Jill Klose
- 9:00 a.m. - Max Seeger, req. by the Senior Citizens

THURSDAY, December 11 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. - Florence E. Long, req. by her Husband and Son

FRIDAY, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 7:00 a.m. - Harold Lonskey, req. by Virginia Bauer

SATURDAY, December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin-Martyr
- 9:00 a.m. - George Parsons, Month Anniv., req. by Harriet Max & Bernard Hutting, Sr.
- 5:00 p.m. - Howard Knowlton, req. by the Family

SUNDAY, December 14
- 7:00 a.m. - Ella Verville, Anniv., req. by her Grandchildren & Family
- 9:00 a.m. - Deceased members of the Romeli Family, req. by John Romeli
- 11:00 a.m. - Mabel I. Stadtmiller, 2nd Anniv., req. by the Albert Walton Family
- 12:30 p.m. - Intention of Parishioners

Cribs Needed

Do you have a crib for a baby who doesn't have one?

Please contact **Problem Pregnancy,** 769-7283 or Ginny Alton, 483-0560.

Financial Barometer

November 30, 1975

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The exchange of gifts with family and friends is a fine tradition. But has there been an **exchange** with God? ... or has it been all one way? December is a good time to even things out. We continue to be grateful to all who are conscientious in their church support.

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reasons are many: